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The Great Victories For the Allies Told In the London Dispatches Read a Good Deal Like the Berlin Accounts of German Victories at Verdun

EXPLOSION DEAD LIST NOW FIVE

Twenty-Three Persons Are Missing | Carranza Will Become Candidate and Sixteen Are Injured

Shipment to Allies Distinctly Felt in Five States.

New York, July 31.-The cause of dead number four, the missing 23 and the injured 16. The property loss is formation given out by Mexican Larenow placed at \$19,000,000 and includes | do, opposite this city last night. 17 buildings, 6 piers, 4 barges 1 tugboat and 83 freight cars.

Albert M. Dickman, the Lehigh Val-Tom island, Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Storage company, and Thomas B. Johnson, president of the Johnson Litérage company, were arrested today charged with manslaughter. The hearings in the cases were continued to Friday at the request of the prosecution and the three officials were released under bonds of \$5000.

at \$25,000,000 was caused early yester | be delayed long. day by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom island, a small strip of land jutting into New York bay off Jersey

The loss of life still was problematical last night. It will not be deterdead and at least two more are known injured, some fatally.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, then the blowing up of great quantities of dynamice, trinitrotoluene and other high evplosives, followed b ythe bursting of thousands of shrapnel shell, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

Fire that started soon after the arst great crash, which spread death and desolation in its wake, destroyed 13 of the huge warehouses of the National storage company on Black Tom island, in which were stored merchandise valued between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. The flames, shooting into the clouds, were reflected against New York's sky line of towering office buildings, which only a few moments before had been shaken to their foundation as by an earthquake, Miles of streets in Manhattan alone were strewn with broken glass and

Early reports of heavy loss of life were impossible of verification, and the authorities asserted the number of deaths probably would be small. It was said that owing to the ex of the wreckage it might be several days before the exact figures could be obtained.

The cause of the disaster had not been determined last night. Officials of the National storage company and the Lehigh Valley railroad, which also suffered heavily through loss of prop. I saw the well in the road yesterday, erty, declared, however, that reports to them showed a fire started shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning on a barge belonging to an independent tolwng company which had been moored alongside a dock used by the railroad company to transfer ammunition shipments from trains to vessels inthe harbor. The barge, it was said, was there without authority of either the railroad or the storage company. Officials refused to disclose the name of the independent towing company, saying they were investigating "to ascertain whether the barge purposely had been set on fire as the regult of a plot."

WANTED-Wash woman at Cottage

FOR SALE 1 bay mare, 8 yrs. old. weight 1100, kind and gentle, perfectly sound for*woman to drive, I bay colt, 4 yrs. old. Apply Henry R. Spencer, North Bennington. Tel. 171-Y. 4916*

LOST-This noon at the Depot small collie dog answering to the name of Queenie. Has four white feet and white ring around neck. The finder please return to Donald Walker, No 1 Chimes St., and receive reward.

HOUSE WIRING On All Electrical Work J. W. LENNON, 223 South Street

BLACK TOM ISLAND FIRST CHIEF WILL HOW Its Anniversary Was Observed FEAR OF EPIDEMIC COMBINED ATTACK ONTARIO FOREST ELEVEN TELLIRE IN FAVOR OF GUNZALES

for President

PROPERTY LOSS, \$19,000,000 GENERAL ELECTIONS OCCUR SOON

Detonations of Munitions Awaiting Conference of Generals to Be Held in Mexico City at an Early

Laredo, Tex., July 31,-Venustiano the explosion on Black Tom Island Carranza is to retire as first chief of still remains a mystery. The known the de facto government of Mexico at an early date and win be succeeded by Pablo Gonzales, according to in-

Gen. Carransa will enter the field as a presidential candidate at the forthcoming general election, it was ley Railroad station agent on Black said here yesterday, apparently confirming recent unofficial from Mexico City which intimate that the first chief would seek elevation to the presidency at the hands of the

The conference of Mexican generals with Carranza soon to be held in Mex- it is that: ico City, according to these advices, will arrange for the call for genari elections and for the retirement of And nevermore shall strife and hate the first chief. It is believed in Nuevo New York, July 31.-Property loss Laredo that the accession of Gonzales in the vicinity of this city estimated to the administrative power will not

HE MOVED HIS WELL.

It Wasn't Pulled Up Nor Sawed Up, but It Did Change Place.

There is an old story about the man who pulled up a well and took it to a mined definitely until there has been more desirable location and another opportunity to check up the workmen about the man who took up a well, employed on the island and on boats sawed it in sections and used one of moored nearby. Two are known to be the sections for a land roller. They were exagrerations, but the experience to be missing. Scores of persons were of Ezra Tetlow proves that a well cannot always be classed as a permanent fixture. Ezra had a well in front of his house. It had never been a success as 1 well. Ezra wanted it filled up. One way would have been to haul stones or earth and use the material to fill it. But Ezra had no team.

So he went at it with a shovel. the road, he began to dig and to throw the dirt into the well. He kept this up until he had filled it, which was not a difficult job, as the well was rather shallow.

But when the task seemed finished Ezra found that he had made a new hole by the side of the one he had been filling. There was but one thing to do -he proceeded to fill it in the same manner. Of course this resulted in still another excavation, which in turn re ceived similar treatment.

As all of Ezra's digging had been on the side of the well nearest the road. the result was that the hole in the ground was finally moved out into the highway.

Judson Tolliver was commenting on the exploit one day down at the corners, "Queer thing Ezra did," he restood in his front yard? Well, sir, he's moved it thirty feet from where it was -moved it clear out into the road!" "How'd he do it?" inquired another

representative citizen. You'll have to ask Ezra," replied Judson. "But he did it, sure enough, and I saw the track he made movin' it. The thing plowed a furrow four feet

wide all the way."-Youth's Companion,

Making the Money Last. Rosa Bonheur used to say that her youth was one of great poverty. Then she would add some droll stories about the family method of regulating its finance. The studio was a collection of odds and ends, and M. Bonheur knew how to turn that disorder to account. When he received money for his work he would take a handful of coin and throw it at random about the room. Then in times of stress, when there was apparently not a farthing left in the house, the entire family would set to work searching in nooks and corners. Sometimes they would find a five franc piece, and that warded off starvation.

The Golf Helmet.

There is a new model of golf cap which much resembles a policeman's belinet and has a little patent kid chin strap. The material is linen or satin and is covered over with a handmade fish net. The front is decorated with an embroidered applique.

The New Petticoats.

White pettleoats of batiste or very thin slik are made with a deep ruffled flounce which measures from three tofive yards round. These are to be worn under the net and organdle dresses. God." which require voluminous petticoats te display their charm.

117 Years Ago. Springfield, Mo., July 24, 1916,

Editor Bennington Banner, Bennington, Vermont.

As the 16th of August, sacred to every man with Bennington blood in his veins, or love of country in his heart, draws near, it occurs to me that perhaps your readers might be interested in the inclosed account of a celebration of Bennington's great day held in 1799, and I have taken the liberty of sending it to you, as the part of at least one old Benningtonian in the celebration of the day. I am proud to be able to claim Anthony Haswell, who is mentioned in this report of that day, as my grandfather, and I have a large collection of his writings and accounts of his life.

You may be interested to know that even out here in the beautiful Ozarks of Missouri, we have also a sacred day which we celebrate in August, although our date is the 10th, and not the 16th. Ten miles from our city was fought on August 10th, 1861, the battle of Wilson Creek, where brave Ceneral Nathaniel Lyon of Connecticut was slain, together with more than six hundred others from the Union and Confederate armies.

Last year I had the honor of making an address on that battle ground, at the annual celebration of that day, I had in my audience many old veterans from both sides who had fought on that field. I assure you that those old men mingled "Robel yells," and "Union cheers," at every patriotic expression in my talk, and today many of their sons and grandsons are with our troops on the Mexican boundary, true

"Beneath one flag their sons march side by side.

their gallant ranks divide."

Yours truly, A. M. Haswell.

On the 16th of August 1799, the citizens of Bennington gathered to celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the famous old battle which took its name from the town. From an old pamphlet printed in 1799 by Anthony Haswell, we quote a part of the record of that celebration one hundred and nine years ago.

The orator of the day was that same Anthony Haswell, first printer west of the green mountains in Vermont; founder and editor of the "Vermont Gazette," first paper west of the mountains; first postmaster general of the new state of Vermont; who lay in prison for months, sentenced under those infamous laws of our early history which sought to muzzle the freedtm of the press; a man of note from the time he came to Bennington in Working on the side of the well next to | 1783, until his death in 1816. His tomb can still be seen just east of the old Congregational church in Bennington Center.

> The oration as a whole is too long to quote here, but a few paragraphs from it are interesting, and some are most fit and applicable to our own day, and our present national situa-

"Never, O, never can Vermont forget her brave allies from Berkshire-Never can all the darkening shades of time erase the memory of the gallant Stark from our minds. They rushed with open bosoms to oppose the foe, to check his progress, or to share our fate. Heaven smiled upon their efforts; of them it is scarce flattery to "They came, they saw, they conquered."

The fate of America at that time appeared suspended with an even beam marked. "You know that old well that | and this the pivot on which all must turn. The defeat of Baum, under providence decided the fate of Burgoyne, and the surrender of Burgoyne the fate of America. Thus as Jonathan and his armour bearer, by a divine assistance smote a Philistine garrison, and changed the aspect of a bloody war, so the intrepid Stark near this devoted village, discomfitted an equally impious host, and firmly held by the Almighty hand, laid the fair corner stone of American freedom in Vermont.

. "O let us watch our government with a careful but scrutinizing eye. Wisely we have left a means, even in the constitution itself, to amend its errors on discovery; let us touch it cautiously, but if occasion arises let us do it resolutely-'The youth of nations,' says a celebrated writer, 'is the age most favorable to their independence,' It is the time of energy and vigor. Our souls are not yet surround ed by that apparatus of luxury which serves as hostage to a tyrant God grant they never may be, but that we may cautiously guard against the increach ments of the great, the follies of the weak, and the designs of the wicked: correcting their errors by the force of reason, and thus averting the dire necessity of an appeal to arms. But if at any future time, by the insiduous wiles of wicked and designing men. our independence should be endangered, our property rendered insecure and our substance lavished on courtiers, sycophants and tools of tyranny. may the spirit of 1777 reanimate our zeal, may we seize the sword as the dernier resort, and live respected or expire at freedom's shrine, establishing the doctrine with our blood, that an oppressed people have the right of resisting the oppressors; and that resistence to tyrants is obedience to may their descendants to the remotest

IS DECREASING IN NEW YORK

Paralysis-Stricken City

NOT SO MANY DEATHS REPORTED COUNTER-ATTACKS

Only 13 Fatalities Reported Sunday But Roord Was Incomplete as Physicians Were Absent.

The deaths fell from 44 on Friday to it is probable a considerable number of deaths were not reported because physicians are out of the city.

The number of cases in Manhattan is increasing, 40 being reported yester day. Nine of the thirteen deaths cocurred in Brooklyn.

The new cases reported yesterday numbred 145, as compared with 161 on Friday. Dr. Haven Emerson, Commis sioner of Health, made a tour of inspection yesterday to hospitals creating paralysis cases.

Senior Surgeon Banks of the United States Public Health Service, wao is in charge of the issuance of Federal health certificates to those leaving the State, visited most of the terminals and ferries during the day to see how his assistants were getting along with the week end crowds. He found that most of them were not so busy as they were on Saturday, when more than 1,000 certificates were issued at 'the Grand Central Terminal alone.

The Federal officers stopped issuing certificates at 1 p. m. to take an afternoon off. They have been working dren. eleven hours a day during the last week at high pressure.

Songs etc.-, Performed on the Occasion." One of these, marked: "Previous to the oration;" has two verses the first being as follows: "The day the blissful day returns,

That freed us from the foe; Each patriot breast with rapture burns Which patriots only know. The thundering cannons cease to roa

Sweet peace her timbrel sounds The din of war is heard no more But love and joy abounds." "After the oration," another song

was sung, this written by the orator of the day himself. "Columbia rejoice, let praises resound, For mercies received, each bosom should glow;

When tumult and bloodshed encom passed us round, Kind heaven in mercy defeated the foe

"He banished our fears, and saved us from death, When Howe and Burgoyne invaded the land.

Let joy in Jehovah enliven each While cheerful we reverence the work of His hand.

'See Fay breath his last, see Walbridge expire, See Warner and Clark existence re-

See Comstock, and Coburn and Mall'ry retire. And Chandler bow low to the sum-

mons divine." Of a livelier strain, and sung to the tun of Yankee Doodle, was a long

"Closing Ode", this too by Mr. Haswell, although there are several in the record by other parties. Here is a specimen verse or two: "They joined the old Green Mountain

To face their foes and beat them. They scaled the hill and scoured the plain

To conquer and defeat them. Sing Yankee Doodle one and all, With fowling pecies handy, They rose that Freedom's fees may

Sing Yankee Doodle Dandy." The following verse would seem to indicate that "Trench fighting" is not an invention of the present European war, for the song continues "Securely guarded to their chins The foe displayed his cannon, And fired about the Yankees Shins, Yet no one urged his man on.

"Like lightning, o'er their works they Stark led the van to glory, Yet scarcely to the rear could cry.

'We scampered here before you.' "The Hessian grunt, the Indian yell, Were quickly turned to praying, But who their sulleness can tell

While down their arms they're laying" So with oration, and song, and, we may be sure, with old time jollity and merriment, did the old town of 1799 celebrate the day which gave it an im mortal name in American history, So generation remember the day, honor Following the oration, as printed in their memories, and live worthy of this report of that day, are "Odes, such an ancestry.

WINS FOR FRENCH AND BRITISH

Somme

German Trenches on Half Mile Front Enemy.

New York, July 31.-The Depart- London, July 30 .- Acting in concert ment of Health record of new cases of the British and French forces attacked infantile paralysis and deaths showed together today and as a result of their est forest fire placed number of dead 1st Vermont Infantry and left on the a marked decrease in both yesterday. co-operation both made valuable gains. Gen. Douglas Haig reports that the enemy "must have suffered heavily," 13 yesterday. No particular import- while the French night communique ance was assigned by Health Depart- implies the same when it announces ment officials to this sudden drop, as that the ground gamed was held against powerful German counter at-

The fighting was at the point where the British right rests agains the French left, with the Somme between. The British attacked in a section between the Delville wood and the Somme and after a heavy engagement were able to move eastward beyond Waterlot farm and Trones wood which, like Delville wood, has been a death trap for thousands.

The French took German trenches from Hardecouht to the river on a front from 300 to 800 meters deep and three and a half miles long. Besides, they pressed forward tothe outskirts of the village of Maurepas, east of Hardecourt, and took positions north of the village of Hem, which is south of Maurepas. These were held against counter attacks of the utmost

Playground Notes This week will reveal one of many

new features for the playground chil-The watermelon party and victrola chcert held Friday aftern fied the thirst of joy in the hearts of

the boys and girls. Stunts on the horizontal bar and the rings will be taught to the boys on Tuesday afternoon. A wand drill is also on this week's program. This is your chance to learn some tricks.

Baseball games as usual are among the playground sports

The girls arevery much interested in tennis and this week girls doubles and singles in the intra-playground games will be played. Evening class for boys tonight.

Baseball is the popular sport. The evening classes are reminded of the fact that Tuesday night is combination night for girls and boys. A lively program has been arranged and a good time is assured.

Next election of the members of the playground Council will ce on Wednesday of this week. These members will be the playground representatives and three boy representatives are to

The playground is in need of tennis rackets and tennis balls. Any one having old rackets or tennis balls which are not being used may be assured that the children will ve very glad and thankfull to have them to play with. Mr. Mann can be reached by telephoning 69-W.

Giving Away the Brids. Ap archaism of the English marriage

service which has fallen into disuse is, "Who giveth this woman away?" It is a relic of the days when a woman could be donated by her father or her brothers as property. It is related that at a wedding in

California many years ago when the clergyman said, "Who giveth this woman away?" a sepulchral voice from the body of the audience replied, "I could, but 1 won't!"-Los Angeles Times:

The Hameric Controversy. It was about the year 1795 that the

'Homeric controversy" began, About that date F. A. Wolf, in his prolegom ena, argued that the Homeric poems were composed of independent epic songs, collected and arranged by Petsistratus about 550 B. C. Wolf's theory created a great stir among scholars and poets and inaugurated the fight which enlisted most of the learned men of the day. Mr. Andrew Lang. In "Homer and the Epic," 1893, vigorously defended the "one author" theory, as opposed to the idea of Wolf that the famous poems were composed through ages by many different persons.-New York American.

Queer Human Nature. "Man's a funny proposition!"

"What now?" "When he reads a medical book he fancies he has every disease described, but let him read the work of a moralist and all the faults pointed out he sees not in himself, but in his neighbor."-Boston Transcript.

Not So Many Persons Fleeing from Both Armies Gain Ground on the Worst Calamity of its Kind in His- First Detachment Departs on 11.05 tory of Province

REPULSED SMALL TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT THREE

Death List Will Probably Be Increased by Returns from Outlying

North Bay, Ont., July 31.-Latest reports from the scene of Ontario's great 'ed at the local recruiting office for the at 184. The first, which started at 4 11.05 train this morning for Fort o'clock Sunday morning and was reported simultaneously from several different points burned over a tract

Englehart, Ont., July 31.-Forest fires raging in northern Ontario are believed to have resulted in the loss of from 150 to 200 lies. Scores of other persons have been in jured and it is feared many of them may die.

Several small towns have been wiped out by the flames, which have been raging for 48 hours. Reports thus far received show that 57 perished at Mushka, a French-Canadian settlement, and 34 at Matheson. Cochrane has 18 dead and 34 injured; Iroquis Falls 15 dead and many in jured and Ramore 15 dead. The number killed at Porcupine Junction is not known, but the entire town was destroyed except the railroad station.

The death list will be materially increased, it is feared, by victims in outlying districts. There are apparently well-authenticated reports that many prospectors have been trapped at Tashota and Kowcash. One farmer and his 10 children are known to have been burned, while the man's wife was vainty seeking aid to check the ongrass and timber.

Nushka, a hamlet consisting of a score of frame buildings and stores, suffered worst. It had ben threatened for several days, but the residents lingered in the hope that they might save their homes. They waited too long. Walls of fire cut off escape in any direction.

road. Only two streets in the town of the village, either day or night.

were saved. Thirty-four bodies are lying side by side on the platform of the railroad station at Matheson. The station and two houses are the only buildings still standing. Ramore a small settlement was wiped out. The flames were checked at Timmons after 17 houses had been burned. Only the saw-mill ingly.

was destroyed at South Porcupine. Al lthat remains of Iroquois Falls are the ruins of the great paper mill and one store. Refugees without food or clothing are pouring into the larger towns south of the burned district. A large number of them have arrived at Englehart and are being sent to Co balt and Haileybury. Englehart citizens worked all of Saturday night caring for the homeless wanderers

BRIDGE-MORT

Local Couple Married Saturday Afternoon at Home of Bride's Parents.

A pretty house wedding took place Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Mort on Gage street, when their daughter, Miss Helen E. Mort became the bride of William M. Bridge.

The ceremony took place in the parlor of the Mort home and was performed by Rev. P. L. Dow. Harry L. Bridge, brother of the groom was bestman and Miss Florence Mort, the Cleveland 51 bride's sister, was bridesmaid. Bride Detroit 52 and maid were dressed in bridal net | Washington 48 and each carried a bouquet of white

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, Mrs. Armstrong being the mother of Mr. Bridge. Mr. Leslie Mort, brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs Henry Thies of South Norfolk, Conn., Miss Gladys Meekins of Greenfield and Miss Jessie Mattison, were also among the out-of-town

Luncheon was zerved, following the ceremony. The wedding gifts were numerous and beautiful, Mr. and Mrs. Bridge will make their home in Bennington,

Mike Doolan a Giant. Manager John McGraw of the New

York Giants recently signed Mike Doolan, the veteran shortstop, who started i the season with the Chicago Cubs and was released to Atlanta of the Southern association. Doolan was shortstop and captain of the Philadelphia Nationals for many years before jumping to the Baltimore Federals in 1914. He is the sixth Federal league player signed by Manager McGraw.

Train This Morning

Bennington Making Best Showing of Three Stations Recently Estab-

The following men have been enlist-Ethan Allen: James E. Hamilton of 130 Dewey street, John H. Myers of of territory with a frontage of over a South Shaftsbury, Alfred J. King of hundred miles. The fire was in a 235 Putnam street, Harry B. Hopkinmeasure checked by the rain of last son of 612 Main street, John J. Purcell of 236 School street, Frank J. Dowdell of 2 Clifton Place, Schenectady, N. Y., Harry R. Jones of North Bennington, Thomas J. English of Bennington, Marvin E, White of 114 Union street, Raymond S. Church of Main street, Thomas J. Douglas of East Main street. In addition to the above, there are three applicants who will be sent tot he fort later in the week provided they pass the physical examination. The applicants are John A. Libirini of Ferndale Avenue, Woodford Hollow, Claude H. Sumner of Elm street, Casper J. Nimons of Pleasant street. Thus far Bennington has made the best showing of any of the recruiting stations in the state; the Middlebury station having enlisted but one man and no report having been made by Morrisville. The custom of hanging out the flag at the home of the recruit until his return is one that has been almost universally adopted throughout the country and would be an appropriate way of recognizing the service of the local men.

SPEEDERS TO BE ARRESTED

Automobile Drivers Who Exceed Limit to Be Prosecuted. Village of Bennington

Police Department. Office of Chief of Police General Orders All Police Officers of the Village of Bennington, Regular and Special, are

A nearby lake in which they found hereby directed to forthwith apprérefuge saved many residents of hend all drivers of motor vehicles or Cochrane on the line of the Temis- motor cycles found to be exceeding kaming and Northern Ontario rail- the lawful speed limit on the streets All drivers of automobiles or other

motor vehicles are hereby notified and warned that this order and all traffic regulations will be strictly enforced. Speeding on the streets must and will be stopped.

All persons interested will take notice and govern themselves accord-By order of the Village Trustees.

Patrick Brazil. Chief of Police. W. P. Hogan. Village Clerk.

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BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League Boston 9, Detroit 3. St. Louis 2, New York 1 (first St. Louis 2, New York 0 (second game). Washington 2, Cleveland 1 (10 in-

Chicago 10, Philadelphia 1 game). Chicago 7, Philadelphia 0 game).

Standing of the Clubs Boston 53 Chicago 64 St. Louis 47

Philadelphia 19 National League No games scheduled yesterday. Standing of the Clubs

Won, Lost P.C. Brooklyn 52 Boston 47 35 Philadelphia 48 New York 43 43 Chicago 44 Pittsburg 39 St. Louis 42 Cincinnati 38

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably local thunder showers.

RUTLAND

The fair expects a record week September 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \$9100.00 in trotting, pacing and running races will bring to Rutland a great bunch of race borses.

Tel. 414-W.